

Upton	Watson	Wilson (NM)
Van Hollen	Watt	Wilson (SC)
Velázquez	Weiner	Wolf
Visclosky	Welch (VT)	Woolsey
Walden (OR)	Westmoreland	Wu
Walsh (NY)	Wexler	Wynn
Walz (MN)	Whitfield	Yarmuth
Waters	Wicker	Young (FL)

## ANSWERED "PRESENT"—8

Akin	Goode	Sali
Forbes	King (IA)	Walberg
Franks (AZ)	Musgrave	

## NOT VOTING—66

Boehner	Hastert	Pryce (OH)
Brady (PA)	Hastings (FL)	Rohrabacher
Brown, Corrine	Hulshof	Schmidt
Butterfield	Hunter	Shays
Buyer	Jefferson	Shea-Porter
Carney	Jindal	Shuster
Carson	Johnson (IL)	Simpson
Chabot	Kilpatrick	Smith (WA)
Conaway	Klein (FL)	Souder
Costello	Kucinich	Spratt
Cubin	LaHood	Tancredo
Davis (KY)	Lampson	Taylor
Deal (GA)	Marchant	Udall (CO)
Dicks	Meek (FL)	Wamp
English (PA)	Myrick	Wasserman
Ferguson	Nadler	Schultz
Flake	Neal (MA)	Waxman
Frelinghuysen	Paul	Weldon (FL)
Gohmert	Payne	Weller
Granger	Pence	Wilson (OH)
Green, Gene	Peterson (PA)	Young (AK)
Grijalva	Pickering	
Gutierrez	Pitts	

## ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). Members are advised there are 2 minutes to record your vote.

□ 1913

Mr. GOODE changed his vote from "yea" to "present."

So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Ms. KILPATRICK. Madam Speaker, due to official business in the 13th Congressional District of Michigan, I was unable to make several votes today. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on final passage of H.R. 3224, the Dam Rehabilitation and Repair Act of 2007; "yea" on final passage of H. Res. 573—Recognizing and commending the efforts of the United States public and advocacy groups to raise awareness about and help end the worsening humanitarian crisis and genocide in Darfur, Sudan, and for other purposes; and "yea" on final passage of H. Res. 747—Recognizing the religious and historical significance of the festival of Diwali.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. SHAYS. Madam Speaker, on October 29, 2007, I missed 3 recorded votes.

I take my voting responsibility very seriously and would like the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD to reflect that, had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on recorded vote No. 1010, "yea" on recorded vote 1011 and "yea" on recorded vote 1012.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, on Monday, October 29, 2007, I was absent from the House due to travel complications. Had I been present I would have voted:

On rollcall No. 1010—"nay"—H.R. 3224, Dam Rehabilitation and Repair Act of 2007.

On rollcall No. 1011—"yea"—H. Res. 573, Recognizing and commending the efforts of the United States public and advocacy groups to raise awareness about and help end the worsening humanitarian crisis and genocide in Darfur, Sudan, and for other purposes.

On rollcall No. 1012—"yea"—H. Res. 747, Recognizing the religious and historical significance of the festival of Diwali.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. CONYERS. Madam Speaker, I took a leave of absence on October 29, 2007; unfortunately my airline flight was delayed. The following list describes how I would have voted had I been in attendance today.

"Yea" on H.R. 3224—Dam Rehabilitation and Repair Act of 2007, Representative Salazar—Transportation and Infrastructure.

"Yea" on H.R. 573—Recognizing and commending the efforts of the United States public and advocacy groups to raise awareness about and help end the worsening humanitarian crisis and genocide in Darfur, Sudan, and for other purposes, Representative Moran (VA)—Foreign Affairs.

"Yea" on H.R. 747—Recognizing the religious and historical significance of the festival of Diwali, Representative Wilson (SC)—Foreign Affairs.

## REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 2074

Mr. McCAUL of Texas. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that my name be removed as a cosponsor of H.R. 2074.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

□ 1915

## SUPPORT OUR VETERANS

(Mrs. DRAKE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. DRAKE. Madam Speaker, this is day 29. That is 29 days so far that our veterans have not had the use of the increased funding for their benefits and health care. That is \$18.5 million dollars a day not able to be used. And why? Because the Democratic leadership has decided to not complete this bill and send it to the President who has agreed to sign it.

In June this House passed this appropriation bill with a \$6 billion increase in a bipartisan manner. We are proud of our work and grateful to our veterans.

On September 6, the Senate completed their bill. This work is done. Our veterans are not pawns in a political game. They are heroes.

America expects us to get the job done. America expects us to provide the best care to our veterans.

Please join me in calling upon the Democratic leadership to put our veterans first and send this bill to the President now.

## CONDEMNING THE ATTACKS ON AFRICAN UNION PEACEKEEPERS IN HASKANITA, DARFUR, SUDAN

(Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Madam Speaker, today on the floor of the House, I was very pleased to have debated H. Res. 740 that I authored with Congressman CHABOT from Ohio and joined by 55 of my colleagues.

This resolution denounced the attack on African Union peacekeepers. And it was a result of the codell led by myself, joined by Congressman CHABOT and Congressman SMITH from Nebraska, the first codell to go into Darfur since the signing of the agreement dealing with the peacekeepers.

It is time now for our eyes to focus on a safe return of those who have suffered to their homeland, 2.4 million displaced Sudanese, Darfurians, who live in a state of flux and fear.

It is an outrage that these peacekeepers would be attacked. It is an outrage that, as the African Union has stood up to be counted and provided soldiers on the field to protect those refugees, it is an outrage that they are being attacked.

We ask the U.N. to intervene to provide more peacekeepers. We ask that the genocide stop. And we ask that Khartoum recognize that they have an obligation to the people of Sudan. Stop the genocide.

## IN MEMORY OF SERGEANT EDWARD PHILPOT

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I rise today, with great sympathy, in honor of the memory of Sergeant Edward Philpot of South Carolina National Guard's 218th Brigade Combat Team. Sergeant Philpot and his fellow soldiers were traveling as a convoy near Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan, last Tuesday when his Humvee accidentally went off the road.

Sergeant Philpot is the first member of the 218th, my former National Guard Brigade, to lose his life while serving in Afghanistan. His sacrifice is a reminder of the courage and dedication to duty shared by so many of our fellow Americans. We must never forget the immense sacrifices these brave men and women are making to defend freedom and to protect American families.

My thoughts and prayers are with Sergeant Philpot's wife, Stephanie; their three daughters; his parents, Ottas and Willa; and his entire family, friends, and fellow soldiers who continue to defend our country overseas. His sacrifice is a testament to the love for his country, his family, and his fellow soldiers.